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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
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**Re: Facilitating the Deployment of Text-to-911 and Other Next Generation 911 Applications, PS Docket No. 11-153; Framework for Next Generation 911 Deployment, PS Docket No. 10-255**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 24, 2012, Kevin Green, Robert Morse, and the undersigned of Verizon, and Susan Sherwood of Verizon Wireless (together "Verizon"), met with Commission staff to discuss matters relating to the above-referenced proceedings. Commission staff in attendance were Deputy Bureau Chief David Furth, Patrick Donovan, David Siehl, and Jerry Stanshine of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau; Sean Lev of the Office of General Counsel; and Chief Technologist Henning Schulzrinne of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis.

The parties discussed Verizon's voluntary efforts in recent months to work with technology vendors to test and develop text-to-911 technologies in the absence of a Commission mandate, including ongoing SMS-to-911 trials in Durham, North Carolina and the State of Vermont. The parties principally discussed Verizon's recent Request for Proposal ("RFP") for an interim SMS-to-911 solution that Verizon could voluntarily implement in the near term for capable PSAPs, until customers and PSAPs are transitioned to IP-enabled Next Generation 911 services. Finally, Verizon discussed the critical importance of PSAP participation as a prerequisite to providing SMS-to-911, as well as consumer education by all stakeholders to ensure that consumers are educated about the limitations and availability of SMS-to-911 service.

Please contact the undersigned if there are questions concerning this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nneka Ezenwa".